

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF GAS COST ADJUSTMENT)
FILING OF WESTERN LEWIS-) CASE NO. 2002-00328
RECTORVILLE WATER AND GAS DISTRICT)

ORDER

On May 12, 1993, in Case No. 1992-00331, the Commission approved rates for Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District (Western Lewis) and provided for their further adjustment in accordance with Western Lewis s gas cost adjustment (GCA) clause.

On September 6, 2002, Western Lewis filed its proposed GCA to be effective October 1, 2002. Western Lewis requests a waiver of the 30-day notice period because it did not receive its expected gas rates from its supplier until September 5, 2002. As KRS 278.180(2) permits the Commission to shorten the required notice period for good cause, the Commission finds the utility s request should be granted.

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Western Lewis s notice includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in wholesale gas costs.
2. Western Lewis s proposed expected gas cost (EGC) is \$4.8499 per Mcf, which is 14.16 cents per Mcf more than the prior EGC of \$4.7083.
3. Western Lewis s notice sets out no refund adjustment.

4. Western Lewis's notice sets out no current actual adjustment (AA). Western Lewis's notice sets out a total AA of (\$1.9563) per Mcf, which represents no change from the previous total AA.

5. Western Lewis's notice sets out no current quarter balance adjustment (BA). Western Lewis's notice sets out a total BA of 18.74 cents per Mcf, which represents no change from the previous total BA.

6. These combined adjustments produce a gas cost recovery rate (GCR) of \$3.0810 per Mcf, which is 14.16 cents per Mcf more than the previous rate of \$2.9394.

7. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, in the public interest, and should be approved for bills rendered by Western Lewis on and after October 1, 2002.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are approved for bills rendered on and after October 1, 2002.

2. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Western Lewis shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of September, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

